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Chairman Ajit Pai Federal Communications Commission 455 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW Washington, DC 20544

Dear Chairman Pai,

I am writing today in strong opposition to the Federal Communications Commission's recent proposal, under MB Docket 05-311, regarding the funding of public access television.

I am the State Representative of the Second Norfolk District in Massachusetts, consisting of the City of Quincy, and I have worked closely for many years with Quincy Access Television (QATV). QATV has a broad audience across the city and I have heard countless times from my constituents about how they greatly value their quality local programming. Community television has a long history of informing and connecting Quincy residents, in particular our senior citizens, to local government, educational programs, and city events. QATV remains an essential resource for our community.

The local public, education, and government channels enable a unique level of citywide communication, which I greatly value in order to provide updates to my constituents about my work in the Legislature. As a State Representative, it is my job to inform my constituents about critical services provided by the state and legislation that may impact them, and public access television has been a vital resource to do so. At Quincy Access Television, I have seen first-hand the professionalism, dedication, and hard work of all who work there; they are truly dedicated to creating quality programming for our residents and are integral members of our community.

The proposed funding changes will prove devastating to QATV and public access television networks across the country, who remain committed to providing the best possible content for their audiences. Their programming ensures an informed, engaged, and safe public. I hope you will seriously consider the many comments received on this topic and urge you to reject the proposed changes to the funding of public access television stations.

Sincerely,

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Tackey Chan

State Representative – 2<sup>nd</sup> Norfolk District

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